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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 696
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Shadowlawn Middle School Girls Basketball Team on an excellent season and their winning of the 2002 Shelby County Basketball Tournament Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to honor those outstanding young people who excel in the field of athletics; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy group of individuals is the Shadowlawn Middle School Girls Basketball Team; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars were victorious in the 2002 Shelby County Tournament, earning their third straight Shelby County Championship; and

WHEREAS, Shadowlawn Middle School has posted a remarkable record of nineteen wins and one loss thus far in the season and are currently participating in the second round of the West Tennessee Sectional Tournament; and

WHEREAS, their lone loss came to Memphis champion, Kirby, in a University of Memphis Holiday Tournament; and

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WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars, members of the North District, have not lost a regular season district game in two and one-half years and have gone undefeated in county play in the past two seasons garnering an astonishing 32 victories; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional group of young ladies averaged 42 percent shooting and 38 points per game; while their stifling defense held opponents to an average of 20 points per contest; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars were led by an outstanding trio of eighth graders, Jazmine Taylor, Linda Beckwith, and Daumonique Lenhardt; during their three years of competition, these young ladies led Shadowlawn Middle School to an extraordinary record of 63 wins and six losses; and

WHEREAS, these young ladies were named to the 2002 All-North District Team and the 2002 All-County Tournament Team; Jazmine Taylor earned Most Valuable Player honors for the North District and the Shelby County Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Shadowlawn Middle School Girls Basketball Team is coached by the highly regarded Mr. Stanley Scott; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as coach, the Lady Cougars have earned eight Shelby County Tournament Championships and finished as runner-up on four occasions; and

WHEREAS, the members of this outstanding basketball team are eighth graders, Jazmine Taylor, Linda Beckwith, Daumonique Lenhardt, Britney Allison, Keva Weaver, and Amanda Topping; seventh graders, Kelsey Watson, Ashley McGill, Kamila Ziemianski, and Ashley Wathen; sixth graders, Milira Dunn, Crystal Butler, Felicia Powell, and Jamie Albonetti; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars enjoyed the generous support of the administration, staff, students and fans of Shadowlawn Middle School; and

WHEREAS, the athletic excellence displayed by this phenomenal basketball program is a tribute to the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of both coach and player alike and deserves special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate the Shadowlawn Middle School Girls Basketball Team on an excellent season and their winning of the 2002 Shelby County Basketball Tournament Championship and we wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.